IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number : 10/667,966 Confirmation No.: 7892

Applicant : Dong XIE et al Filed : September 23, 2003

Title : PEPTIDE DERIVATIVE FUSION INHIBITORS OF HIV

INFECTION

TC/Art Unit : 1648

Examiner: : Jeffrey PARKIN, Ph.D.

Docket No. : 63024.000002

Customer No. : 21967

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Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir.

Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks in response to the non-final office action (hereinafter the "Office Action") dated November 21, 2008, in the above-captioned application.

This response is provided within the time period set for responding without extensions of time. Accordingly, it is believed that no fees are required for entry of this amendment and remarks, but should any fees be necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

AMENDMENTS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments in the subject application and reconsideration of the claimed subject matter in view of the following amendments and remarks. Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.